

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 645

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to designate a bridge in Monroe County as the "Fallen Heroes Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives while serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, while some of these brave servicemen and servicewomen have been so honored individually, they have yet to be honored collectively in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, each of these fallen heroes followed the patriotic tradition for which Monroe County and the Volunteer State are renowned by serving with distinction in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, they served with great courage and gallantry, giving their lives for their country and for the cause in which they believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, they deserve proper recognition; and

WHEREAS, these fallen heroes' dedication to excellence in the military and their love of family, fellow soldiers, and country, exemplified in their sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that they held dear, stand as enduring examples of the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, these brave soldiers selflessly gave their lives while serving our country, and it is thus most appropriate that a certain bridge in Monroe County should be named to honor the memory of those sons and daughters who made this ultimate sacrifice; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge on U.S. Highway 411 that spans the Little T and Tellico rivers at their intersection in Vonore, Monroe County is hereby designated the "Fallen Heroes Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in the first resolving clause as the "Fallen Heroes Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of transportation.